Discontinuing PDS sugar to BPL families

2259. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are seriously thinking of discontinuing PDS sugar to BPL families;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether his Ministry could achieve a consensus among the sugarcane growers for a uniform formula for fixing the statutory minimum price;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present, there is no proposal under the consideration of the Government to discontinue PDS sugar to BPL families.

(c) to (e) Government has referred the recommendations of the Mahajan Committee on sugarcane pricing to the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) and they have been requested to recommend new sugarcane pricing policy. Government's policy in this regard would depend on the recommendations to be made by the CACP.

Allocation of foodgrains to Gujarat

2260. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the Government are allotting BPL quota of wheat and rice on the basis of 21.20 lakh BPL families instead of about 35 lakh BPL families in Gujarat;